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1. Erfurt (J36)

- a. By the end of November 1946, the Jäger (infantry), Blumenthal (armored) and Panzer (armored and other units) barracks had been evacuated.
- b. The large wheat supply in the Erfurt food depot on the Blumenstrasse was emptied about 1 December. Casual informants reported that the wheat was transferred to supply points in Czechoslovakia.
- c. On 9 December, approximately 2,500 men were present at morning roll call held at Bindersleben airfield (J26). The airfield commander is Lt Col Yurgienkov.
- d. Colonel Borovicki is the new Erfurt Station Commander.

2. Langensalza (J08)

As of 27-29 November, there were only about 100 Soviet troops in town. These were not combat troops.

3. Jena (J66)

- a. The artillery barracks in Jena-Zwätzen held 500 to 600 armored troops during the period 25 to 28 November. This unit possessed T-34 and Stalin tanks, some of them, apparently, left behind by an armored battalion which had departed.
- b. Anti-tank units have left. According to Russian soldiers, these units went to Apolda and Weimar. Recruits in the Oberrealschule have been reduced from one battalion to two infantry companies, and their training schedule has been cut somewhat.
- c. Source estimates the total strength in Jena at 2,000 to 2,500 men. Most of the officers have remained; older NCOs have been replaced by younger ones sent from Russia.

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